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Expect the best but prepare for the worst

First, let me thank all of those who have worked so hard to prepare for hurricane Hanna. Although this hurricane will probably make land fall as only a Category 1 hurricane, it will still probably have an enormous impact on our eastern half of the state. Rains have already started in the southeastern part of the state. By now, each of you should have taken appropriate precautions to get through the storm. I am sure you have standby electrical sources and supplies ready to go. It is important that you take these steps and make sure your families and neighbors are taken care of. Otherwise you will not be able to serve others through CAP as we have all trained for.

Now is the time that all the ES evaluations and training should pay off. Now is the time we get to put our expertise and specialized skills into practical application. Now is the time to make sure you can be available to assist with whatever service NC Wing CAP is called upon to provide. I am so proud of so many being so committed to service of their fellow citizens. You are the best.

Stand by and pray Hanna is merciful.

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
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Editor's Note:

As I tie the ribbons on this issue of Carolina WingSpan, Hurricane Hanna is creeping along the eastern seaboard. Here at the coast we've had two heavy showers and one reported tornado. *We have done those things we ought to have done...* like make sure we have plenty of bottled water, batteries, portable radio, a tank full of gas, canned foods (and a hand-crank can opener)--you know the drill.

This issue is a little light. Not too much going on, at least that I've been made aware of. Many of you have caught on to my request to send submissions to: carolina.wingspan@email.com If you submitted an article to my personal Email address and the article wasn't published, chances are it may have ended up in my spam filter, which collects an average of 60-70 messages per day.

See you there?

The NC Wing Conference is 24-26 October in New Bern

For details on the conference and lodging go to:

<http://www.ncwg.cap.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=category.display&categoryID=23>

See Registration form
on next page...



The Sheraton Hotel
and Marina, New Bern

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If you are a CAP member, complete the line below .

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Registration includes: Conference packet and materials, Friday evening social, Saturday morning and afternoon events and Saturday evening Awards Banquet. **NO BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY THE 25TH.**

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A \$10 fee will be assessed for all refunds. No refunds will be processed after 24 October 2006. NO BANQUET REFUNDS AFTER 16 OCTOBER 2008. The Banquet fee of \$35 (\$40 after 20 October) represents the value of the banquet meal furnished. Under IRS Code, that amount is not deductible as a charitable contribution to CAP for federal income tax purposes.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS AND REFUNDS REQUEST TO:

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Crack NC Search Teams respond to Multiple ELTs during Tropical Storm Fay

Burlington, North Carolina – While most of the nation was focused on the flooding and damage Tropical Storm Fay was inflicting on the southern United States, a crack team of 11 North Carolina Wing members were responding to multiple ELT signals activated by Fay near the Clinton, Burlington, and Kinston areas of North Carolina on the afternoon of August, 27, 2008. An Aircrew from the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron (NC-048) and UDF Teams consisting of members from the Fayetteville Composite Squadron (NC-007) and Burlington Composite Squadron (NC-022) responded at approximately 3 PM for mission number 08M1575. The NC-048 Aircrew was placed on stand by due to severe weather conditions.

The NC-007 UDF Team arrived in their assigned target areas near Clinton and Kinston, NC in an attempt to acquire the signals at the SARSAT coordinates given the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC).. The NC-022 UDF Team arrived in their assigned target area near Burlington, NC in an attempt to acquire a signal given by a CAP aircraft conducting a routine aircraft administrative flight. The UDF Teams at both locations reported no signals heard in their assigned target areas and SARSAT also began to report negative passes in all target areas. The decision was made to have all members return to base after several attempts to acquire the signals were exhausted and due to the deteriorating weather conditions.. In many cases both ground teams encountered the same severe weather numerous times while attempting to locate the ELT sources.

A few hours later, Major Craig Richardson, the NC Wing Incident Coordinator was notified by the AFRCC that the target area near Clinton, NC had remerged in the early hours of August 28th. The UDF Team from Fayetteville Composite Squadron reassembled and started another search of the target area around 8 AM. The standby Aircrew from the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron was launched to acquire the signal at the SARSAT coordinates provided by AFRCC. The Aircrew and the UDF Team picked up both carrier and audible signals as they drew closer to the target area and pinpointed the signals to a small hanger at a private residence just south of Clinton, NC. The ELT was located by the UDF Team in a Challenger Ultralight in the hanger and was then silenced by the UDF Team with the assistance of the owner around noon. The mission was closed by the AFRCC later that afternoon.

The CAP personnel who participated in the searches included Lieutenant Colonels Jayson Altieri and Jeff Willis; Major Victor Carnevale; Captains Robert Mason, Timothy Tessin, and Jonathan Wiggs; First Lieutenants Christopher Cody, Robert McComas and Todd Lavinder; and Cadet Second Lieutenant Zachary Baughman. Major Richardson, in a written statement, personally thanked the teams for responding safely to the mission and those who called to offer assistance under the most challenging of weather conditions.

For more information on this mission, contact Major Major Craig Richardson at 336.570.6894.

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Photo: From L to R Major Victor Carnevale, Captain Robert Mason, and Lieutenant Colonel Jayson Altieri at the Clinton County Airport conducting at ELT search on the afternoon of August 28, 2008. Photo courtesy of Kevin Sandlin



Carolina Wing Tips

Pistol Packin' CAP Team

Congratulations to the 2008 edition of the CAP Division of Crime Control & Public Safety's Pistol Team. They placed third overall in marksmanship competition today at Camp Butner. Members of the team included Keith Savoy, Don Edwards, Jeff Willis, and Andy Wiggs. Don Edwards also placed third in individual competition. All four of these NC Wing CAP members should be congratulated on a fine showing for CAP. This is the first time CAP has placed this well in this annual fun competition with other agencies of Crime Control & Public Safety. I hope you are as impressed as the Director of the CAP Division, Lucy Davis, and I are.

Great Job.

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
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A hot day in Halifax

What a hot day for the cadets of Halifax Composite Squadron NC-169.

Saturday August 2nd was a landmark day for 12 first time fliers, with 2 cadets making a 2nd trip into the wild blue yonder and 1 cadet taking a 3rd ride "punching holes."

CAP pilots, Capt. Tim Tessin, Maj. Dion Viventi and Lt. Don Williams flew 19 sorties for a total of 16.3 hours..

The staff of NC-169 would like to say Thank You to the three pilots and also to SM Brian Cail of NC-145 for the UDF training on Saturday..

Fred Draper 2nd Lt. DCC NC169

Stan/Eval Officer Vacancy

Major Carnevale has requested to step down as the wing Chief of Standardization and Evaluation due to increased work commitments.

I am seeking a volunteer to step in and serve as the Chief of Standardization and Evaluation. This can be an additional duty assignment. Interested personnel (current Flight Instructors and Check Pilots), who currently meet, or can meet the requirements for the Standardization/Evaluation Officer Specialty Track (212) are encouraged to send a short resume along with a vision statement for managing the NC Wing Flight Operations Program to me at their earliest convenience. Interested individuals should also thoroughly review the job description in CAPR 20-1.

Simply put, without a Standardization/Evaluation Program we don't have a Flight Operations Program. The continued success of our Flight Operations Program depends on a strong Stan/Eval program.

David E. Crawford, Lt Col, CAP
Director of Operations, North Carolina Wing
Civil Air Patrol
On the web: www.ncwg.cap.gov or www.cap.gov

Carolina WingTips

Eight senior officers complete TLC Course

This past weekend, LtCol Lucy Davis, Capt Steven Mann, Capt Jeremy Browner, 1Lt Michael Staples, 2Lt E. Dean Gilbert, SM Mauro Capobianco and SM Buddy Priest completed the two day TLC Course held at MCAS Cherry Point. The team spent the weekend exploring many aspects of leading a cadet program. During sessions of guided discussion they learned the program's mission and the outcomes that the cadet program achieves for the cadets and for America. They discussed more positive approaches to leadership and guiding cadets to be effective leaders as well. And of course there is the paperwork and management of the program. Now armed with expanded knowledge and a handful of best practices they head back to their home unit to put what they have learned to good use. Cadet Programs extends it's thanks to these dedicated Volunteer Professionals for offering up their weekend to for the benefit of our future leaders, the cadets of today.

Also a special thanks to my Co-Director and instructor Maj Richard Augur, instructors Chaplain (Maj) Edward Fleagle and Maj Linwood Dabney. To the Cunningham Field Comp Sq and Maj Mary Fleagle for their awesome hospitality making this training possible.

ALBERT R. THERRIault, Major CAP
NC Wing
Director of Cadet Programs

NCWG Communications Conference

I've received a number of questions concerning the upcoming Communications Conference. Here are some of the details- hopefully enough to pique your curiosity and motivate you to attend:

The conference will start at 0930 on Saturday, 20 September, at Wing HQ. Plan on finishing up your OPSEC _before_ you arrive! There could be sensitive information flying around, so make sure you're squared away beforehand.

Try to get there NLT 0900, as there could be a line at the signup table. Remember- commo conference attendance is a requirement to pass Career Track 214 levels and other advancement hurdles, so you need to be logged in.

We will be showcasing a wide range of commo-related topics, including the Master Plan- that alone will be worth the trip. Field communications will be demonstrated, various bits of equipment will be on display (or in actual use) and VIPER, ALE and NVIS, along with many other acronyms, will be demonstrated and explored.

You'll be able to take care of commo business for yourself and your units, meet the commo department staff, jostle with like-minded others and have a good time.

Please RSVP Capt Linker at:
clinker@ncwg.cap.gov

so we can have a lunch count for Saturday.

REGISTRATION is \$10.00 at the gate and will cover lunch and conference costs.

Also, If you would like BCUT/ACUT training, RSVP for the Friday evening session (which may or not be held, depending on the response).

Consider this to be a hamfest where everyone wears a uniform.

Hope to see you in Burlington on the 20th!

1st Lt Keith Savoy=CKH4

Teams locate ELT and EPIRB

North Carolina Wing was alerted to an ELT signal near Topsail Beach, NC on 6 August 08 at 01:53Z. An Aircrew from the Fayetteville Composite Squadron (NC-007) and an UDF Team consisting of members from Group III Staff (NC-003) and Topsail Composite Squadron (NC-803) responded at 02:31Z. The Aircrew and UDF Team arrived in the target area in an attempt to acquire the signal at the SARSAT coordinates given by AFRCC. A carrier signal was briefly tracked, but ceased, and SARSAT reported a 2nd negative pass in the target area. The decision was made to have all members return to base after several attempts to acquire the signal were exhausted.

AFRCC notified me a few hours later that the target site had remerged. The UDF Team from Topsail Composite Squadron reassembled and started another search of the area. After several hours without acquiring the signal, an Aircrew from the Raleigh-Wake Composite Squadron (NC-048) was launched to acquire the signal at the SARSAT coordinates provided by AFRCC. The Aircrew picked up the carrier signal as they flew closer to the target area and DF the carrier signal to a local dry dock business. The Aircrew directed the UDF Team into the business area where they acquired the signal and track the signal to a huge debris pile. The owner used his backhoe loader to help the UDF Team scatter the debris pile, which resulted in uncovering several old EPIRB's and ELT's.

The offending EPIRB was finally located in the debris pile and was then silenced by the UDF Team at 23:30Z. The UDF Team before departing made one last check on both frequencies of the area. The result was that the UDF Team heard another signal from an ELT that was most likely activated during the search for the EPIRB. The ELT was located and silenced by the UDF Team at 23:46Z. After all personnel returned home and 3 negative SARSAT passes the mission was closed with AFRCC at 02:54Z on 7 August 08.

Thank You to the following personnel who responded safely to this mission and a huge "Pat on the Back" need to go out to the members of the Topsail Composite Squadron for braving the extreme heat and humid weather conditions and sticking with this mission all the way to the end.

Maj Craig Richardson
IC, 08M1426

Mission #: 08M1426 Personnel Roster (ICS 211)
Report As of 08/07/08 17:16Z

Personnel

Name (Last, First) Grade Unit Duty

Cody, Christopher L. 1Lt NC-007 MP
Connelly, Travis J. C/TSgt NC-803 UDF
D'Souza, Raul H. SM NC-007 MS
Fex, Bailey S. SM NC-803 MRO
Hoffer, Noah C. C/TSgt NC-803 UDF
Horne, James R. SM NC-803 MRO
Mason, Robert C. Capt NC-007 TMP
Oldham, David L. Capt MER-001 OSC
Richardson, Craig G. Maj NC-007 IC3
Tessin, Timothy J. Capt NC-048 MP
West, Gerald V. Lt Col NC-003 UDF
Wiggs, Jonathan A. Capt NC-022 GBD
Williams, Donald W. 1Lt NC-048 MP
Willis, Jeffrey T. Lt Col NC-001 IC2



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 5 August 2008

The 25th Anniversary of local law enforcement's National Night Out program was celebrated in Havelock, NC, on 5 August 2008, with CAP invited to be part of its static display of Emergency Services vehicles.

Majors Fred and Linda Eldredge of Coastal Patrol Base 21 set up the corporate van next to the Craven County Mobile Command Center vehicle, located in Walter B. Jones Park, for the event. They included a display of CAP information brochures and various EPIRBs recovered in searches.

Because Drug Demand Reduction awareness is also a big part of NNO, it afforded a great opportunity to promote Red Ribbon Week in Oct. Contact was made with MCAS Cherry Point's Drug Demand Reduction Specialist to coordinate a joint effort at the local middle schools for that event.

In spite of the high heat and humidity, another aspect of CAP was revealed, showing to all those present that we are involved in making a difference in a number of areas.

Thanks to Major David Bratton, CPB21 Safety Officer, and Deputy Chief of Havelock PD, for issuing the invitation to participate.

Major Linda Eldredge, PAO
Coastal Patrol Base 21, Beaufort, NC



Photos by: Majors Fred & Linda Eldredge

Middle East Region News

Effective 12 August 2008, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lt Colonel Phyllis A. Griffin as Chief of Staff of Middle East Region.

Lt Col. Griffin is a 25 year member of Civil Air Patrol who has consistently demonstrated exceptional service in numerous positions at the Squadron, Wing and Region level. She has held the positions of Squadron Commander, Wing Director of Communications - Cadet Programs - Administration, and Region Deputy Chief of Staff for Cadet Programs and Finance Officer. She has also achieved every ES qualification except for pilot, completed the Gil Rob Wilson Award and served on the Staff of eight cadet encampments. Congratulations to Lt Col Phyllis Griffin on her new role within the MER s



Colonel Joseph R. Vazquez, CAP
Commander, Middle East Region

NC Wing Officers Hold Impromptu Meeting in the United Kingdom

RAF Base Lyneham, United Kingdom - On July 23 2008, two officers assigned to North Carolina Wing's Fayetteville Composite Squadron held an impromptu squadron meeting at RAF Base Lyneham, in the southern part of the United Kingdom.

U.S. Army Lt. Col Jayson A. Altieri, a UH-60 Aviation Battalion Commander with the 82nd Airborne Division and U.S. Air Force Capt Todd Shugart, a C-130 exchange pilot assigned to the RAF's 30th Squadron at Lyneham met during a Mission Readiness Exercise in support of the 6th U.K. Division's deployment to Afghanistan in 2010. Both Altieri and Shugart, who are CAP Mission Pilots assigned to the Fayetteville Squadron which is located at Pope Air Force Base, have known each other for many years.

The 6th U.K. Division's exercise was designed to help train Joint British staffs and units preparing to deploy to the southern Afghanistan province of Helmand where some of the heaviest fighting with the Taliban has taken place in recent months. Lt. Col Altieri was invited by the British Army to serve as a subject matter expert on aviation operations in Afghanistan. The RAF Squadron which Capt Shugart is assigned regularly flies combat missions to Kandahar in support of Coalition forces.

"It was a nice chance to get together." Said Lt. Col Altieri. "I have known Todd for since he was a Cadet in CAP. He is a great Air Force Officer and CAP member. It was not just luck that brought us together for this exercise. Both Todd and I have worked closely with the British military in Iraq and Afghanistan; we both believe it is important to maintain strong bonds with our Coalition partners fighting the Global War on Terrorism."



Submitted by Capt. Rob Mason
Fayetteville Comp. Sqdn.

Young Civil Air Patrol cadets learn about Army aviation

by Pfc. B. Todd Willis, 82nd Abn. Div. PAO

CHERRY POINT, N.C. — On a day when the thermometer pushed 100 degrees, more than 110 North Carolina Civil Air Patrol cadets arrived to see a demonstration of the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter here June 24.

The event introduced Army aviation to the young Cadets during their annual encampment.

The co-pilot, Lt. Col. Jayson Altieri, commander, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, didn't mince words when he explained to the group why he flew over 100 miles to meet with the cadets.

"It is important that we go out and do events like this, our best recruiting tool is our Soldiers," said Altieri, who flew numerous combat missions in 2004 and 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Civil Air Patrol is a national organization and an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

The organization has an estimated 55,000 members including 22,000 cadets and the world's largest fleet of single-engine piston aircraft, according to its official Web site, www.CAP.org.

The cadet program helps young people develop leadership skills, investigate the fundamentals of aerospace science, conduct physical fitness training regularly, build character and participate in exciting activities preparing them to become good citizens.

"A lot of people don't know the Civil Air Patrol conducts 90 per-cent of the nation's search and rescue missions. We as cadets, frequently participate in those missions," said Nick Logel, 19, cadet captain.

Each participant was given the opportunity to sit in the Black Hawk helicopter and speak with the crew about Army aviation.

The cadets asked the crew a variety of questions that included what to expect when going to war, the Army fitness requirements and Army pay.

Out of 100 cadets who came to the event, 11 were chosen to take a 30-minute ride in the high-performance helicopter.

"This is great. How many high school kids get to ride in a Black Hawk helicopter?" commented cadet senior Chief Master Sgt.

Member profile: Capt. Jeffrey Browner

Jeffrey Browner has applied for admission to the NC State Bar. His background includes Bar memberships in Ohio and New York, and this recent Chapel Hill resident has managed to keep busy while waiting to see if North Carolina wants him to practice law here. During the month of August, Captain Browner completed the Squadron Leadership School in Wilmington and the Teaching Leadership of Cadets program at Cherry Point. He also works for the downtown Legal Aid Office in Durham where he assists low-income families with civil problems, including home foreclosures.

While serving in the NY Wing he served as Assistant Legal officer, and racked up a few other credits like: GES, Mission Scanner, Mission Radio Operator (with ACUT) and Skills Evaluator Trainer. He is a trainee as a Mission Staff Assistant, Ground Team Level 3 and Mission Observer. He completed the Yeager award ...oh, and did I mention that he holds an FCC multi and single engine land airplane with instrument rating. Next thing you know he'll be wanting to fly CAP airplanes.

His activities with the Chapel Hill Composite Squadron (NC-150) include: Deputy Commander for Seniors, Aerospace Officer, Legal Officer, Assistant Information Technology Officer and Assistant Drug Demand Reduction Officer. His additional duty with the NC Wing is External Aerospace Education Officer.

Browner's legal credits are impressive, having co-founded his own law firm while practicing in Ohio. While in New York his practice with a firm in Bayside was exclusively Construction Law—representing contractors, architects and engineers.

The transfer to NC was a family decision and so was his career choice while he is waiting for admission to the State Bar. In a recent Durham Herald-Sun article it states that Browner is a volunteer Legal Aid attorney in Durham. "I'm happy North Carolina granted me the ability to practice for free...I luckily have a wife (an assistant professor of neurology at UNC) who's able to feed and clothe me and put a roof over my head," Browner quipped.

1st. Lt. Don Penven
Editor, Carolina WingSpan

Group One Change of Command

Major Dave Shuping has asked to step down as Commander of Group One for personal reasons. I want to thank Major Shuping for stepping up to the challenge and helping Group One reach for its full potential. Major Shuping has served with distinction and is to be commended for his service to Group One and NC Wing. His service sets the example for others, and we all wish him well in whatever endeavors he pursues.

Effective this date (9/01/08), Lt Col Bill Fleming will take command of Group One. Lt Col Fleming began Civil Air Patrol in Asheboro, NC in approximately 1981. He transferred to Tennessee Wing in 1983 to the Tri-Cities Squadron at Tri-Cities Airport. There he was personnel officer, as well as Deputy Commander of Cadets. He then transferred to the Asheville Squadron in 1989. There he became Deputy Commander of Cadets, worked ES, and Comm. He became Squadron commander in 1995 and after 5 years there, he became the Commander of the old Group One, then vice group commander under the new Group structure, then western ES sector chief. Lt Col Fleming has vast Air Force experience, and CAP experience. I know the entire Wing will support Lt Col Fleming in his new duty as Group One Commander.

He currently works as an Exercise Specialist/Personal Trainer/Gymnastics Instructor for the local Hospital Fitness Center. He has an interesting outside hobby doing 18th Century reenactments. He is a Sergeant in the 42nd Black Watch Light Infantry of Foot. All of Group One will have to stay on its toes to keep up with Bill. Keep the good work coming.

Larry J. Ragland, Col, CAP
NC Wing Commander

Fun

Rocket Day

Fun

North Carolina Wing
Civil Air Patrol

When: Saturday – September- 27th. 2008

Where:

Group # 1: Asheville Composite Squadron -NC-019-Host
Contact- Major Rich Augur for details rraugur@charter.net

Group # 2: Fayetteville Composite Squadron-NC-007 –Host
Contact-Capt. William M. Ryan for details williammr50@hotmail.com

Group # 3: Goldsboro Composite Squadron- NC-126-Host
Contact- SM George Wolfe gmidw@earthlink.net or 1/Lt. Mary Sandlin
picmarysandlin@hotmail.com for details.

Register with your group and bring your rockets, Engines and equipment will be furnished, Get signed off on your rocket program.

A wing DAE officer will be at each location to assist.

More details later.

James P. Williams- Maj., CAP
DDAE-DDPA

FLYING IN THE RAIN

Reprinted from the AOPA

Can student pilots fly in the rain? Yes. Should they fly in rain? It depends.

Surprised to learn that rain is not a show-stopper? Many students are. Precipitation doesn't always reduce ceiling or visibility to levels prohibitive of visual flight. Think of scattered showers on a sunny summer afternoon. But it's essential to know the VFR weather minimums and what's up with the weather. Is a frontal system approaching? Are there thunderstorms? Is there a risk of freezing rain?

Precipitation can reduce visibility, as described in the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's WeatherWise Safety Advisor. Recent or ongoing rain may generate precipitation fog. Precipitation fog forms when rain-saturated air cools to the dew point and could obscure the surface (including the airport).

Most instructors won't let students solo when any precip is forecast, as discussed in the Jan. 27, 2006, "Training Tip: Solo Limitations." But dual instructional flights through scattered showers, or in steady rain under a high overcast, are confidence builders.

"I started flying in January 2001. The weather was for the most part minimum VFR conditions, so what did we do? We practiced landings and takeoffs in the rain, in the cold, at times in snow flurries. I look at it this way: I was learning to fly in the best or worst conditions. I have the confidence to fly and land in the rain, which many pilots don't get until after they have been flying for some time," a pilot reminisced in "Memorable Moments" in the May 2002 AOPA Flight Training.

Unforecast showers or rain on a solo cross-country will seem less worrisome if you know the big picture and take basic precautions. "Flight following is great insurance when flying VFR," Tom Horne advised in the June 2004 AOPA Pilot article "Wx Watch: Non-Frontal Passage." Though controllers handle you on a workload-permitting basis, they can be invaluable in quickly vectoring you to better weather. By already being on an ATC frequency, you avoid the tension and hassles of cold call-ups and busy flight watch frequencies when the weather heads downhill." Read his article and learn how an experienced pilot juggled demands of a lengthy VFR flight in less-than-perfect weather.

New Spaatz Cadet for Chapel Hill

Congratulations to C/Col Kelly Weeks for Chapel Hill Composite Squadron NC-150 for successfully completing her Spaatz exam. Her Spaatz certificate is # 1707.

An outstanding job by this fantastic young lady and all those who worked with her and mentored her along the way.

ALBERT R. THERRIAULT, Major, CAP
NC Wing
Director of Cadet Programs

Let me add my congratulations to C/Col Weeks. This is a great accomplishment and she is a young lady we are all very proud of.

Larry J. Ragland, Colonel, CAP
NC Wing Commander

CAP Members Complete Training Course

Wilmington, N.C.—At least twenty Senior Members from across North Carolina, and at least one from South Carolina, successfully completed the Civil Air Patrol Squadron Leadership School, recently held at the Wilmington International Airport. The CAP Squadron Leadership School is a weekend ‘in-residence’ leadership course and is part of the CAP Senior Member Professional Development program, which is required in order for CAP senior members to be promoted. Topics covered during the course included Officership and the Public Trust, Introduction to Leadership, and Creative Thinking and Problem Solving.

The Cape Fear Composite Squadron sponsored the course, and it was held with the support of the Wilmington International Airport and conducted in the Executive Conference Room, which overlooks the airport tarmac. At least seven instructors, coordinated by Major John Kay of the Cape Fear Squadron, came together to teach the various seminars over two days. The Civil Air Patrol is the civilian, volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and was formed December 1, 1941. Today, the Civil Air Patrol conducts search missions for missing aircraft and persons, provides emergency disaster relief in conjunction with other relief organizations, and encourages and fosters civil aviation in local communities through adult and youth aerospace education programs.

Lt. Col. Don Beckett
Johnston Co. Cadet Sqdn.



Left to Right: Mike Woodruff, Mauro Capobianco, Mary McKiver, Dick Bayliss, Lorraine Moore (front), Dan Alford (rear), Terry Beck, Sean Marra, Cleveland Gore, Russell Bordeaux, Jeremy Browner, Alanna Dahms, James Newton, Kindall Moore, Harry Metz, Herbert Crutchlow, Randall Hunt, Fred Draper, Shawn McComas and John Cook. Photo by: Capt. Beth Butrim



The Boone Composite Squadron is hosting a Wing-wide Phase I Encampment.

Phase 1 Encampment is a rigorous training exercise similar to Wing Encampments. During the 3 day course cadets will learn the basics they need to excel in the CAP Cadet Program. Basic and Advanced drill instruction is provided, as well as extensive study of the CAP Manuals and Regulations. Cadets learn proper wear and maintenance of CAP uniforms. At Phase 1 Encampment cadets will be trained on how to find answers for themselves in CAP regulations in effort to dispel any myths they may come across in the future. Physical training methods are also discussed and challenging physical training sessions test cadets physically and mentally, giving them strength and confidence in all areas of the program. A graduation ceremony will be held at 1130 hours Sunday afternoon, open to anyone who would like to attend. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. Boone Composite Squadron Phase 1 Encampment is a rewarding experience, and cadets leave with a sense of pride & accomplishment.

Date and Location:

* The dates for the activity are September 19th, 20th, and 21st. In processing is at 1800 on the 19th.

* The Phase I Encampment will be held at the First Baptist Church in Boone, NC.

Minimum Grade: C/AB

Maximum Grade: C/SSgt

Cost: \$25 at door covers materials, meals, and all other costs of the activity.

Application:

1. Mail CAPF 31 to C/1st Lt Mark Domermuth 152 W. Donnies Dr. Boone, NC 28607

2. E-mail CAPF 31 to markdomermuth@gmail.com

3. DEADLINE: Mailed by 10 SEP 2008 (Applications may be mailed until the 13th, email notification is required if they are mailed after the 10th.)

Contact C/1st Lt Mark Domermuth at markdomermuth@gmail.com or (828) 964-8301 or

Capt Seth Norris at sethanorris@gmail.com with any questions

Information Officer Training

While only about a dozen out of the NCWG's nearly 1,300 members are certified as Information Officers, anyone, especially squadron PAOs, who are interested in becoming certified as an IO may begin the process by attending a NCWG SAREX, a Group level SAREX, or a "tabletop" exercise as an IO trainee. There is no official course, so please confirm, in advance, to participate as an IO trainee.

Specifically, there are only 4 public affairs training items that are required for the IO rating:

1. Keep a log (see Media Release Daily Log on page 17 of Vol. II, CAPR 190-1 .[Please note that CAPP 190-1 Vol. I & II are out of print. Please see below.](#))
2. Prepare an initial and follow-up news release (See a sample initial news release here .)
3. Maintain a complete media contact list
4. Coordinate visits of news media to mission sites

Everything else required has to do with basic radio communications and knowing the standard GES and ICS procedures.

When training as an IO, the following is also recommended:

1. Because the IO will not be deployed as a member of an aircrew or ground team, wearing the full service dress uniform or CAP Corporate Uniform (white aviator shirt with gray or AF blue trousers) is suggested. The service dress (previously known as the "Class A" uniform) or CAP Corporate uniform is more appropriate for dealing with media interviews and the public. Details on uniforms may be found in CAPM 39-1 .
2. Have your CAP ID card with you.
3. Have the IO SQTR printed out with you.
4. If not already completed, try to complete NIIMS G193, ICS 200*, or equivalent, which is the GES training, prior to arrival.
5. Thoroughly read Vol. II, Section 9.1 in CAPP 190-1 and bring a copy with you (because you'll need several blank copies of pages 9-14 to 9-18 to work with.)
6. Prepare a media contact list (TV, radio, daily newspaper, weekly newspaper, etc.) for the geographic area of the mission base and bring it with you.

For a copy of CAPP 190-1 Vol. I & II please contact 1st Lt Don Penven:
donpenven@gmail.com

* Before qualifying as MIO, you must also complete ICS300/400/700/800